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*Whereas, Information plays a vital part in preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS in the African American community;*

*Whereas, On February 7, 2002, the African American community will observe the second annual National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day;*

*Whereas, This observation is an effort by the African American community to further the nationwide mobilization effort to emphasize the HIV/AIDS "State of Emergency" among African Americans;*

*Whereas, The objectives of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day are to encourage individuals to get educated about HIV/AIDS, to get tested, and to get involved in advocating for the resources to fight the disease;*

*Whereas, Since the first case of AIDS was reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 20 years ago, there have been 160,000 African American deaths from the disease;*

*Whereas, Half of the new cases of HIV/AIDS reported are among African American men;*

*Whereas, According to a recent study by the Centers for*



*Disease Control and Prevention, nearly one-third of African American men who are gay or bisexual will contract the disease before the age of 30;*

*Whereas, An even more startling fact is that the majority of these men contracted HIV/AIDS only recently; and*

*Whereas, In order to stop the spread of this deadly disease, the African American community must become more aware of the people suffering from this disease in our own communities: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives  
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,  
the Senate concurring:*

- 1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
- 2       observation of the second annual National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness
- 3       Day on February 7, 2002, and encourages the members of our
- 4       community to pledge all their resources to the fight against AIDS.
- 5       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 6       Representatives shall transmit a copy of this resolution to Kweisi
- 7       Mfume.

